

The revival of a Little Silver business group, some home-grown interior reconfiguration, a toast for the town, the return of a family-fun fundraising party and more animate our town at this blustery time of year.

We'll also offer a yearly spring clean-up reminder and tell you about two nice state-wide recognitions for an employee and a commission.

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With so much going on, however, we want to pause first to recognize the passing of two residents who will be dearly missed.

**Lizzie Gilmour** worked with the children at St. John's Nurse School and was a member of the Little Silver Fire Company. We mourn her death at such a young age in February, and extend our condolences to her parents, Lisa and former Councilman David Gilmour, and Lizzie's brother Tyler.

Please also keep in your thoughts and prayers the family of **Barbara Ann Leckstein**, a former Board of Adjustment member and beloved wife of long-time Planning Board attorney Michael Leckstein. Our condolences to Mike and their three sons, Marc, David and Jeffrey, on the passing of Barbara in February.

These long-time Little Silver residents and servants leave us better people for having known them. Please offer their family members a kind word when you see them.

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As we move into March, don't forget to get your tickets to the **St. Patrick's Day party** at the Little Silver Firehouse on March 11. This family-friendly party is back after a three-year absence due to the pandemic.

And if you've been accumulating old sneakers, papers, gently-used clothing, or electronics, **Environmental Day** returns on March 25 – the same day as the **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Plus, on March 19, we'll host a **toast to Little Silver's official 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** at the Parker Homestead – a kickoff to the big celebration on June 24.

Details of these upcoming events are elsewhere in this newsletter.

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At **Borough Hall**, we're doing a little reconfiguring, with our planning department moving from its cramped space to the Ayers Room, and the planning department's current location becoming a meeting room. Thanks to Councilman Kevin Brennan for donating some office furniture to complete the change, and to our skilled Public Works team for being able to do this work in house.

Along with the improved space, we've put in motion some significant improvements to our **technological capabilities**, with an eye toward empowering our employees and better serving the public. In addition, a significant cost-saving project, much of it funded by NJNG, will result in improved and more environmentally friendly **HVAC service in Borough Hall and the Woman's Club**.

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As to the business group, a well-attended breakfast last month has launched the rebirth of the **Little Silver Business and Professional Association**. Coming soon: a meeting involving the LSBPA, the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce, and a special county guest to bring our local businesses and government together to help promote all that our businesses have to offer.

And the reminder? As of January 1, we've reverted to **brush and limb pickup only**. Leaves will not be picked up until the fall; please do not put leaves to the curb or mix them with brush and limbs, which may prevent public works from picking up the piles.

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As to the special recognition, word got out at the recent coaches appreciation dinner (thank you rec coaches!) that our **recreation director, Carlye Laido**, has been recognized for excellence in programming in the health and wellness category by the New Jersey Recreational Professionals Association.

Congratulations to Carlye and to all those who support the department's efforts and innovation. Carlye will be recognized with a presentation in Atlantic City in March.

And one more recognition: the Environmental Commission has been awarded **Bronze Certification by Sustainable Jersey** for having shepherded various environmental improvements in the borough.

The hope is that the certification, in addition to its environmental benefits, will position the borough to receive environmental grants as those opportunities arise. Congratulations to the EC.

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Lastly, and as always, we encourage everyone to stay informed by subscribing to all **our communications platforms, including our Two River Alert system**. Check our website at [littlesilver.org](http://littlesilver.org) or call borough hall to make sure you're signed up. And find out more about our **Library, Recreation events** and other items elsewhere in this newsletter, and on our website at [littlesilver.org](http://littlesilver.org).

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish you all smooth sailing into Spring. Please do not hesitate to call Borough Hall with any questions at (732) 842-2400, or reach out to me directly at [bobneff80@gmail.com](mailto:bobneff80@gmail.com), or my home phone, (732) 576-8595.